### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD **REGION 4**

SALEM HOSPITAL CORPORATION

Case No. 4-RC-21697

Employer

and

HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND ALLIED EMPLOYEES, AFT, AFL-CIO

Petitioner

# EMPLOYER'S EXCEPTIONS TO RECOMMENDED DECISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE EARL E. SHAMWELL JR.

As the Employer in the above-referenced case, Salem Hospital Corporation (hereafter, "Salem" or the "Hospital") hereby submits, pursuant to § 102.69 of the Rules and Regulations of the National Labor Relations Board (hereafter, the "Board"), the following Exceptions to the Recommended Decision of Adminstrative Law Judge Earl E. Shamwell Jr., dated March 23, 2011.

- 1. Administrative Law Judge Earl E. Shamwell Jr. ("the ALJ") erred when he failed to consider and/or rule upon Objections 1-16 in the Hospital's Objections to Election filed on or about December 21, 2010.
- 2. The ALJ erred in concluding that the Board "essentially administratively dismiss[ed]" Objections 1-16, and, similarly, by concluding that

the Board determined that Objections 1-16 should "in effect be dismissed." See ALJ's Recommended Decision, footnotes 6 and 7.

- 3. The ALJ erred by giving retroactive effect to the Regional Director's dismissal of Objections 1-16. *Id.* at fn. 7.
- 4. The ALJ erred in finding that the Regional Director's statement in the January 10, 2011 Notice of Hearing on Objections to Election that "[a]lthough the Board Agent running the election assured these voters that their votes would remain secret, she did not inform them of circumstances under which their identities could be determined" did not constitute an acknowledgement that the Board Agent did not inform challenged voters of circumstances under which their identities could be determined.
- 5. The ALJ erred in finding that it was "obligatory" for Salem to call the Board Agent in order to sustain its burden relative to Objections 18-20.
- 6. The ALJ erred in determining that the Hospital did not produce sufficient evidence of the Board Agent's misconduct to sustain the Hospital's Objections 18-20.
- 7. The ALJ erred by concluding that the Board Agent maintained and protected the integrity and neutrality of the Board's election procedures.

WHEREFORE, Employer Salem Hospital Corporation respectfully submits the foregoing Exceptions to the Recommended Decision of Administrative Law Judge Earl E. Shamwell Jr., and its accompanying Brief in Support.

Dated: Glastonbury, Connecticut

April 6, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The Undersigned, Bryan T. Carmody, Esq., being an Attorney duly admitted to the practice of law, does hereby certify that, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, Salem Hospital Corporation's Exceptions to the Recommended Decision of Administrative Law Judge Earl E. Shamwell Jr. ("the Exceptions") was e-filed on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 through the website of the National Labor Relations Board (www.nlrb.gov).

The Undersigned does hereby further certify that, on April 6, 2011, a copy of the Exceptions was served by e-mail upon the following:

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